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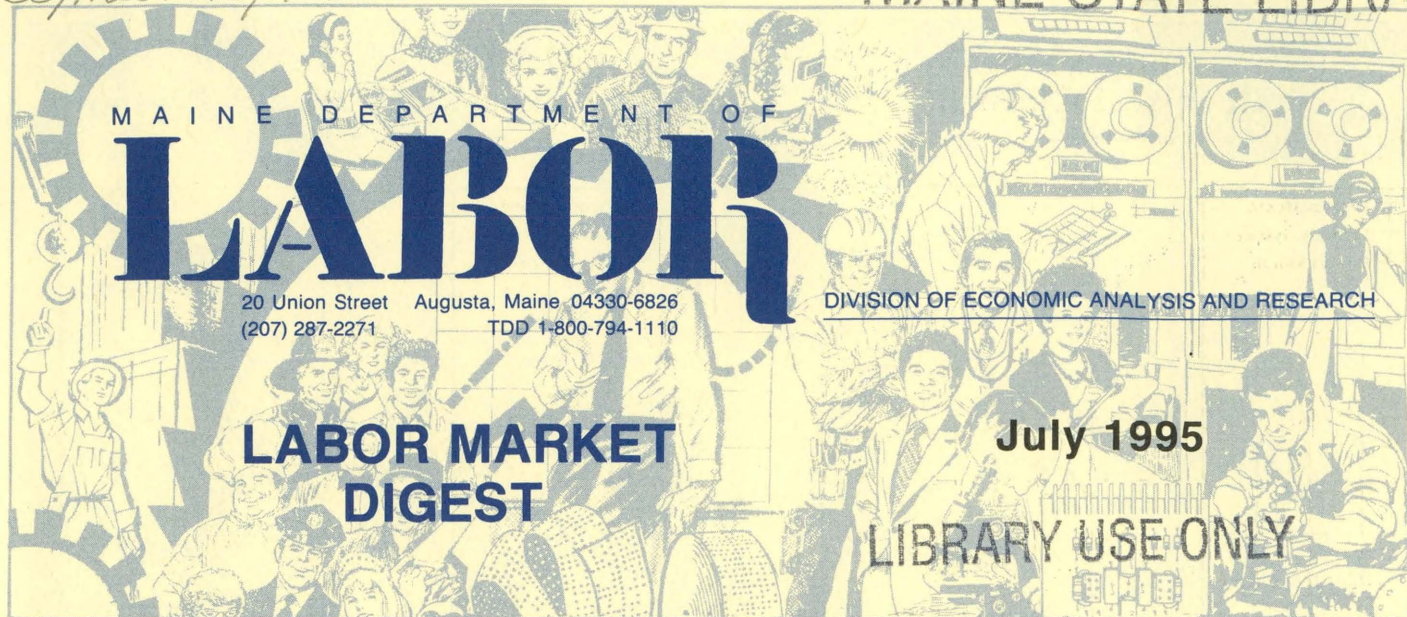
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DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH

LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Job Hunting in Maine Handbook Released

The Division of Economic Analysis and Research recently released the fifth edition of *Job Hunting in Maine*. This publication is a helpful guide for those seeking employment, changing careers, or reentering the labor force. *Job Hunting* covers the major aspects of a successful job search, including career planning, how to hunt for a job, and where to hunt for a job. Following are some of the highlights.

Career Planning

The self-appraisal process of gathering information about one's self, setting goals, and recognizing abilities, interests, skills, and experience is an important element of a successful job search. Satisfaction and success on the job will greatly depend on how well personal skills and abilities are matched with the requirements of a job. *Job Hunting* includes helpful hints for a useful self-appraisal.

How to Hunt

Constructing a strong cover letter and resume is important for a successful job search. *Job Hunting* shows how to build a cover letter and resume, including content, format, and style.

The employment interview is the most important part of the job hunt. Helpful hints on interview preparation are included in *Job Hunting*, as well as a list of the most frequently asked questions by interviewers.

Where to Hunt

Maine Job Service offices offer a variety of employment services. The Job Service maintains an up-to-date database of job openings with local businesses, and they conduct job counseling and testing, provide assistance to veterans, and offer apprenticeship programs.

A Career Information Delivery System (CIDS) is available at many Maine high schools and other sites through the State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee. CIDS integrates career, occupational, financial aid, and educational information into a comprehensive computer database. CIDS offers information about nearly 700 occupations and relates that to education and training information throughout Maine and the nation.

A copy of *Job Hunting in Maine* may be purchased for \$3.00 by contacting the Publications Manager at (207) 287-2271, or writing to:

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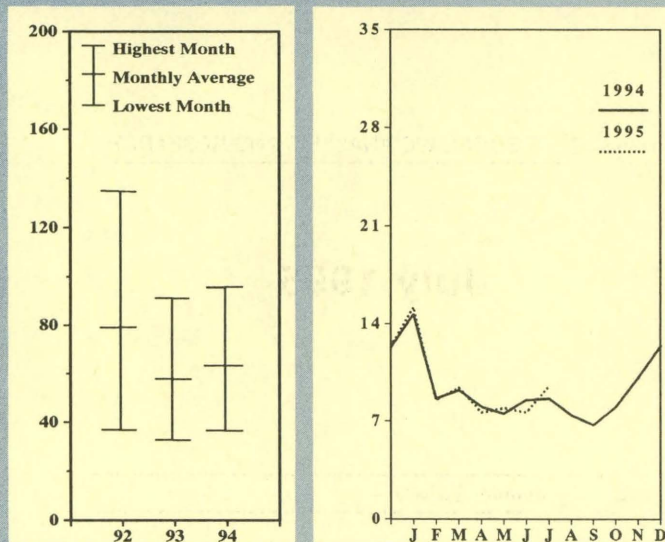


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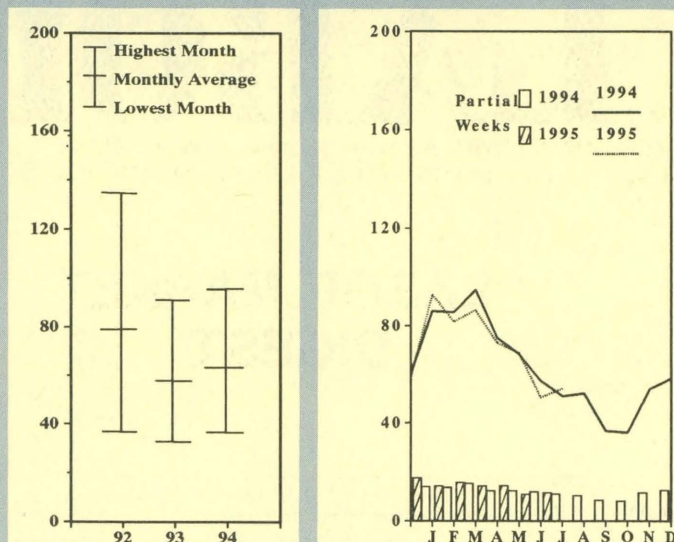
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In Thousands

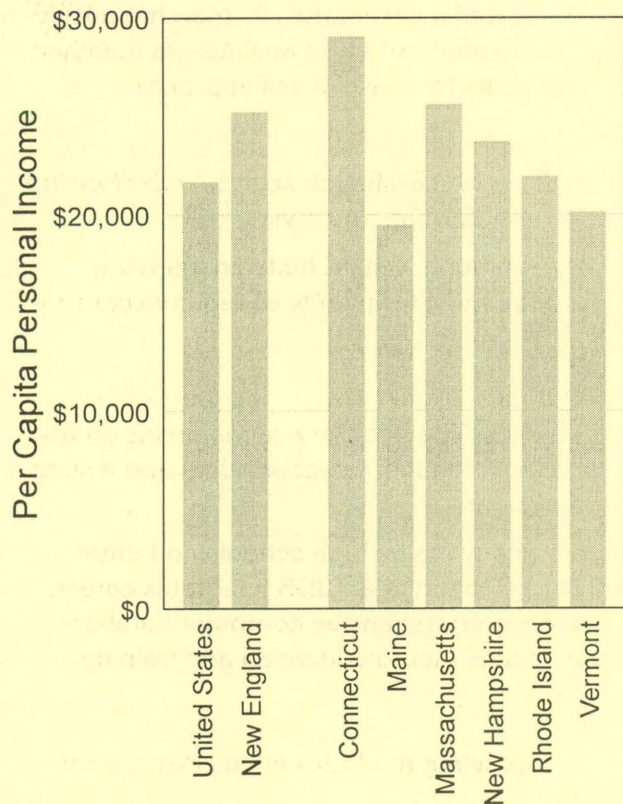


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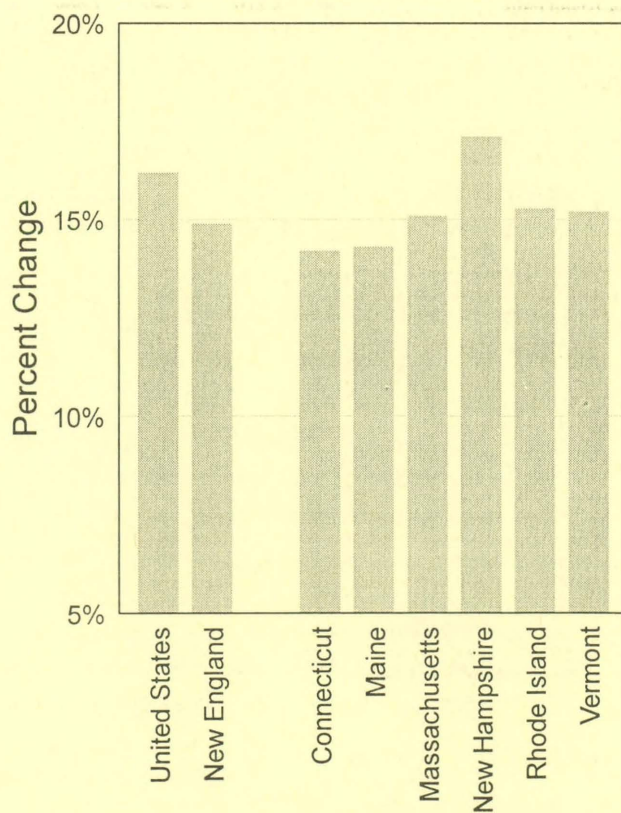
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Per Capita Personal Income in 1994



Percent Change in Per Capita Personal Income, 1990-1994



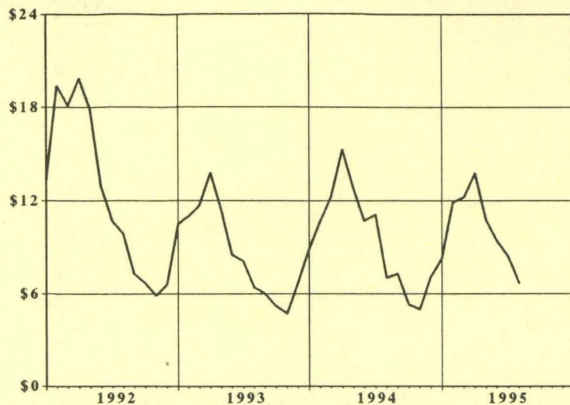


Selected Employment Security Activities



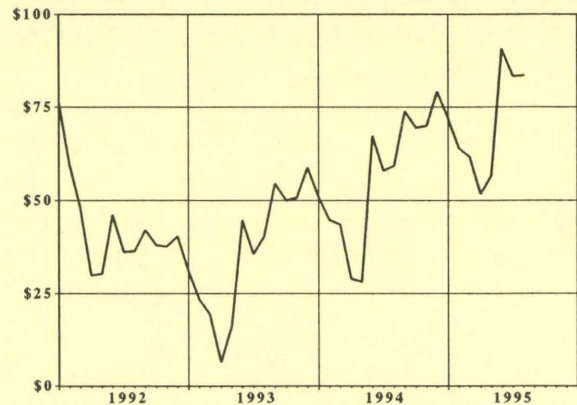
Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

in Millions
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

in Millions
(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1992	1993	1994
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing.....	\$483.45	\$494.36	\$476.71	38.8	39.9	39.3	\$12.46	\$12.39	\$12.13	\$11.38	\$11.63	\$11.95
Durable Goods.....	484.81	492.45	467.68	40.2	40.2	39.5	12.06	12.25	11.84	11.14	11.43	11.88
Lumber and Wood Products.....	410.75	408.20	381.11	41.7	41.4	40.5	9.85	9.86	9.41	9.25	9.33	9.56
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	430.92	445.76	374.81	39.9	39.8	37.0	10.80	11.20	10.13	10.45	11.00	10.97
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	584.01	598.44	646.70	43.1	44.1	45.8	13.55	13.57	14.12	12.82	13.32	13.89
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment.....	408.06	404.29	431.30	37.3	37.4	36.8	10.94	10.81	11.72	10.02	10.33	10.71
Transportation Equipment.....	618.19	648.92	567.99	39.4	39.4	38.3	15.69	16.47	14.83	14.09	14.64	15.18
Other Durable Goods.....	389.77	378.80	388.57	40.1	40.0	40.1	9.72	9.47	9.69	8.86	8.89	9.35
Nondurable Goods.....	483.69	497.90	484.06	37.7	39.8	39.1	12.83	12.51	12.38	11.57	11.79	12.01
Food and Kindred Products.....	352.29	337.98	347.15	35.3	34.7	35.9	9.98	9.74	9.67	9.15	9.34	9.55
Textile Mill Products.....	381.55	434.69	377.10	36.9	43.6	39.2	10.34	9.97	9.62	9.03	9.49	9.33
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	273.41	304.78	267.92	35.6	36.5	33.2	7.68	8.35	8.07	7.65	7.95	8.08
Paper and Allied Products.....	759.90	777.17	740.37	40.1	42.1	41.9	18.95	18.46	17.67	16.25	16.63	17.02
Leather and Leather Products.....	297.97	331.43	318.44	35.9	38.9	38.0	8.30	8.52	8.38	7.92	8.00	8.32
Other Nondurable Goods.....	401.19	411.95	416.02	38.1	38.9	39.1	10.53	10.59	10.64	10.07	10.28	10.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing.....	403.29	421.45	414.46	36.3	37.9	39.1	11.11	11.12	10.60	10.55	10.68	10.78
LEWISTON/AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing.....	372.13	388.94	390.79	37.4	38.7	38.2	9.95	10.05	10.23	9.53	9.82	9.76

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	306.9	292.8	300.5
Unemployment (Percent)	14.9	11.9	14.4
Resident Employed	292.0	280.9	286.1

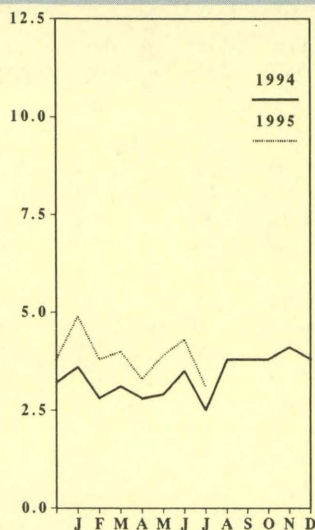
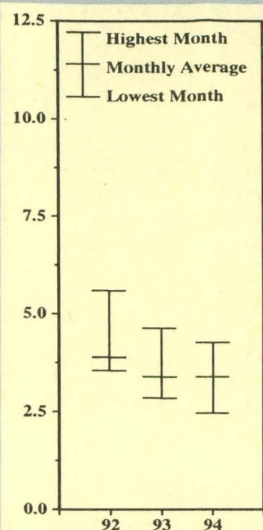
U.S. Consumer Price Index

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	152.5	152.5	148.4	149.7
Percent Change for Past Month	0.0%			
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.8%			
Percent Change from Last December	+1.9%			

^{1/} Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work

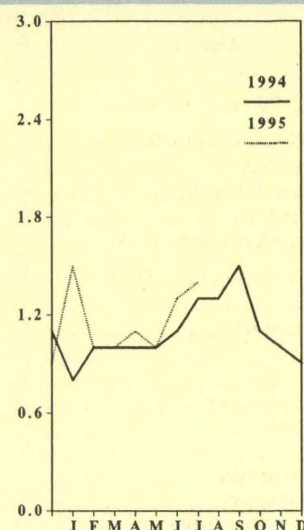
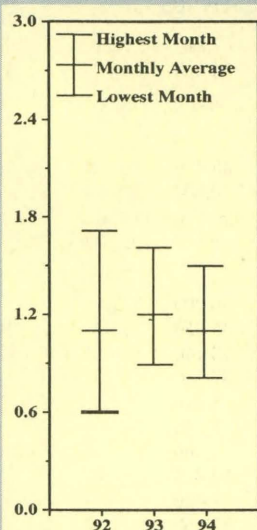
In Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/.....	548.4	555.4	536.8	129.4	129.8	129.2	40.4	41.5	39.9
Goods Producing.....	115.4	116.8	113.4	19.2	18.9	19.0	10.0	10.2	10.3
Construction and Mining.....	24.8	23.9	23.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	1.8	1.7	1.8
Building Construction.....	5.5	5.3	5.2	0.9	0.9	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors.....	15.1	14.6	13.9	4.3	4.2	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing.....	90.6	92.9	90.0	13.7	13.4	13.5	8.2	8.5	8.5
Durable Goods.....	41.6	42.2	40.9	6.3	5.9	5.9	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products.....	10.8	10.6	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	4.6	4.6	4.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.....	7.2	7.7	6.9	2.2	2.2	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment.....	11.5	11.5	11.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/.....	4.0	4.3	3.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods.....	49.0	50.7	49.1	7.4	7.5	7.6	6.0	6.3	6.3
Food and Kindred Products.....	6.5	6.5	6.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products.....	5.0	5.3	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	2.3	2.4	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products.....	15.1	15.1	15.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing.....	5.7	5.9	5.5	1.7	1.8	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products.....	3.1	3.3	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products.....	9.4	10.5	9.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.9	2.0
Footwear (except Rubber).....	8.1	8.7	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/.....	1.9	1.7	1.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	4.3	4.4	4.3
Service Producing.....	433.0	438.6	423.4	110.2	110.9	110.2	30.4	31.3	29.6
Transportation and Public Utilities.....	23.3	23.6	23.3	5.9	5.9	6.3	1.7	1.7	1.6
Wholesale Trade.....	24.9	24.7	24.0	8.6	8.7	8.7	2.0	2.1	1.9
Retail Trade.....	121.6	118.1	118.4	31.3	31.2	29.6	8.3	8.4	8.1
General Merchandise Stores.....	12.9	12.5	12.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores.....	20.8	20.5	20.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places.....	40.6	38.3	40.2	9.8	9.5	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	26.8	27.0	26.9	11.9	12.0	12.4	1.9	2.0	1.9
Banking.....	9.7	9.7	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents.....	11.2	11.3	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services.....	156.7	151.8	148.3	37.1	36.9	38.0	12.6	12.4	12.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places.....	14.2	11.8	13.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services.....	19.5	19.4	16.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services.....	51.4	51.1	50.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government.....	13.3	13.3	14.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government.....	24.1	24.2	24.4	3.8	3.9	3.9	0.6	0.6	0.6
Local Government.....	42.3	55.9	43.6	9.7	10.4	9.2	3.0	3.8	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 29. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publications. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000).....	660.4	652.3	628.2	629.1	614.8	592.2	31.4	37.5	36.0	4.7	5.8	5.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	49,100	48,400	46,900	47,200	46,200	44,700	1,900	2,200	2,100	3.9	4.6	4.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	51,700	50,800	48,900	48,700	47,800	45,400	3,000	3,000	3,500	5.7	6.0	7.1
Portland MSA.....	124,700	121,500	119,300	120,700	116,600	114,600	4,000	4,900	4,700	3.2	4.0	4.0
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA.....	n/a	n/a	103,700	n/a	n/a	99,300	n/a	n/a	4,400	n/a	n/a	4.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	47,400	46,000	44,660	44,800	43,020	42,460	2,610	2,980	2,190	5.5	6.5	4.9
Bath-Brunswick.....	35,970	35,850	33,890	34,770	34,450	32,620	1,200	1,390	1,270	3.3	3.9	3.8
Belfast.....	13,480	13,140	12,240	12,750	12,280	11,480	730	860	760	5.4	6.6	6.2
Biddeford.....	39,110	37,180	37,350	37,930	35,730	35,850	1,170	1,450	1,510	3.0	3.9	4.0
Boothbay Harbor.....	9,650	8,890	9,440	9,450	8,600	9,220	200	280	220	2.1	3.2	2.3
Bucksport.....	5,310	5,320	5,050	5,030	5,010	4,800	290	310	250	5.4	5.9	4.9
Calais.....	5,260	5,360	4,980	4,780	4,770	4,450	480	590	530	9.2	11.0	10.6
Dexter-Pittsfield.....	12,370	13,470	11,940	11,300	12,310	10,590	1,070	1,160	1,350	8.7	8.6	11.3
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,460	7,450	7,340	6,960	6,910	6,750	500	540	590	6.7	7.3	8.1
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor.....	23,450	22,460	23,010	22,740	21,540	22,220	710	930	790	3.0	4.1	3.4
Farmington.....	17,800	18,650	16,990	16,600	17,330	15,420	1,200	1,310	1,570	6.7	7.0	9.2
Fort Kent.....	3,880	3,790	3,620	3,510	3,280	3,270	360	510	340	9.4	13.5	9.5
Greenville.....	1,280	1,210	1,200	1,200	1,120	1,110	80	90	90	6.4	7.3	7.7
Houlton.....	6,940	7,190	6,520	6,460	6,630	6,020	480	550	500	6.9	7.7	7.6
Jonesport-Milbridge.....	4,160	3,890	3,810	3,870	3,490	3,500	290	390	310	7.0	10.1	8.1
Kittery-York.....	20,120	19,470	19,000	19,760	18,920	18,560	360	560	430	1.8	2.9	2.3
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,700	5,890	5,680	5,330	5,350	5,230	370	540	450	6.5	9.1	8.0
Machias-Eastport.....	6,610	6,710	6,460	6,130	6,120	5,840	480	600	620	7.2	8.9	9.6
Madawaska.....	4,410	4,450	3,990	4,200	4,170	3,780	220	280	210	4.9	6.3	5.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	5,440	5,540	5,360	5,000	4,960	4,820	440	580	540	8.2	10.5	10.0
Norway-Paris.....	10,990	11,040	10,400	10,330	10,220	9,460	660	820	940	6.0	7.4	9.1
Outer Bangor.....	8,090	7,980	7,390	7,580	7,400	6,850	520	580	540	6.4	7.2	7.3
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,210	2,340	1,880	2,070	2,130	1,680	140	200	200	6.5	8.7	10.5
Presque Isle-Caribou.....	20,510	20,770	21,120	18,820	18,580	18,920	1,690	2,180	2,200	8.2	10.5	10.4
Rockland.....	24,500	23,550	22,500	23,800	22,520	21,650	700	1,030	850	2.9	4.4	3.8
Rumford.....	9,970	9,760	9,490	9,180	8,810	8,620	790	950	870	8.0	9.7	9.2
Sanford.....	21,720	22,010	20,150	20,720	20,780	18,830	1,000	1,230	1,320	4.6	5.6	6.6
Sebago Lakes Region.....	13,740	13,610	13,500	13,180	12,960	12,700	560	650	800	4.0	4.8	5.9
Skowhegan.....	15,890	16,420	14,730	14,600	14,900	13,380	1,290	1,520	1,360	8.1	9.2	9.2
Stonington.....	5,800	5,540	5,490	5,660	5,340	5,320	140	200	170	2.4	3.5	3.1
Van Buren.....	1,660	1,630	1,540	1,510	1,450	1,400	150	190	140	8.8	11.3	9.0
Waterville.....	24,040	25,020	22,400	22,410	23,150	20,630	1,640	1,870	1,780	6.8	7.5	7.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut.....	n/a	n/a	1,779.4	n/a	n/a	1,674.1	n/a	n/a	105.2	n/a	n/a	5.9
Massachusetts.....	3,211.0	3,194.0	3,267.0	3,025.0	3,013.0	3,070.0	186.0	180.0	198.0	5.8	5.6	6.0
New Hampshire.....	648.8	635.7	637.0	626.4	613.4	610.7	22.4	22.3	26.3	3.4	3.5	4.1
Rhode Island.....	n/a	n/a	510.3	n/a	n/a	476.2	n/a	n/a	34.1	n/a	n/a	6.7
Vermont.....	319.8	323.2	319.9	308.4	310.8	307.2	11.5	12.5	12.7	3.6	3.9	3.9
UNITED STATES(000).....	134,440	133,447	132,783	126,548	125,720	124,503	7,892	7,727	8,281	5.9	5.8	6.2

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	10,996	10,840	12,429	1,505	1,557	1,798	1,268	977	1,374

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

Item	1994						1995						
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Civilian Labor Force 1/	609.9	609.2	608.7	609.1	608.8	609.2	619.7	623.4	621.5	623.1	631.4	637.6	640.6
Resident Employment	565.6	564.7	564.3	564.8	566.1	567.1	584.9	588.9	587.3	586.8	591.9	598.6	600.8
Unemployment	44.3	44.5	44.4	44.4	42.8	42.1	34.8	34.5	34.2	36.4	39.5	39.0	39.8
Percent of Labor Force	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.9	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.2
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	533.9	534.2	534.8	535.4	535.3	537.3	539.0	541.1	541.7	542.3	541.4	542.5	540.8
Construction	21.2	21.3	21.5	22.0	21.9	22.0	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.3	22.0	21.9	22.2
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.9	40.8	41.0	41.2	41.4	41.6	41.7	42.0	41.9	42.1	41.9	42.2	41.6
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.8	50.9	50.8	50.9	51.0	51.2	51.5	51.1	50.5	50.4	50.0	50.1	50.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.8	22.5	22.8	23.3	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.7	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.3	22.8
Wholesale Trade	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.8	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.4	24.5	24.5
Retail Trade	112.9	113.2	112.8	111.6	111.7	112.4	112.9	113.6	113.5	113.5	113.4	113.9	113.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.5
Services	141.9	142.6	142.7	142.9	143.2	143.6	146.1	147.0	147.9	147.6	147.6	148.0	148.2
Government	93.0	92.4	92.5	92.7	92.6	92.8	91.6	92.3	92.3	92.2	92.2	91.8	90.6

1/ Place of residence.

2/ Place of work.

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